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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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SUBJECT:PORT CHARGES ON SALVADORAN SHIPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4257

1. SUMMARY: U.S. CUSTOMS REQUIRES SPECIFIC SALVADORAN ASSURANCES BEFORE IT CAN EXEMPT SALVADORAN VESSELS FROM TONNAGE TAX. IN INTERIM, U.S. CUSTOMS MAY BE ABLE TO EXEMPT INDIVIDUAL VESSEL ON AD HOC BASIS. END SUMMARY.

2. PREVIOUSLY EL SALVADOR WAS ONE OF APPROX ONE HUNDRED NATIONS LISTED UNDER 19 CFR 4.22 AS "EXEMPTED BY TREATIES, PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS, OR ORDERS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANY HIGHER TONNAGE DUTIES THAN ARE APPLICABLE TO VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES AND EXEMPTED FROM THE PAYMENT OF LIGHT MONEY". THIS LISTING OF EL SALVADOR WAS RESULT OF EARLY U.S./EL SALVADOR TREATY WHICH TERMINATED FEB. 8, 1958. AS RESULT THIS TERMINATION
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U.S. CUSTOMS REMOVED EL SALVADOR FROM LIST EFFECTIVE MAY 4,

1973. DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED EL SALVADORAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON OF THIS BY DIP NOTE MAY 15, 1973. BUT, UNACCOUNTABLY, NEGLECTED SUGGEST EL SALVADOR ACT TO PLACE THEMSELVES BACK ON LIST BY ASSURING U.S. OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT US.VESSELS IN SALVADORAN PORTS.

3. FOR EL SALVADOR TO BE RE-INSTATED ON LIST, WE NEED DIP NOTE CONTAINING GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR "ASSURANCES THAT IT LEVIES NO DISCRIMINATING DUTIES OF TONNAGE OR IMPOSTS AGAINST VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING IN SALVADORAN PORTS OR UPON THE PRODUCE, MANUFACTURES OR MERCHANDISE IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OR ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY INTO EL SALVADOR IN VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES". UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH ASSURANCES BY AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR OR BY DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT AND U.S. CUSTOMS WILL PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO RE-INSTATE EL SALVADOR ON 19 CFR 4.22 LIST.

4. UNTIL PROCEDURES PARA 3 ABOVE COMPLETED, DEPARTMENT SUGGEST EMBASSY CABLE DETAILS OF FUTURE SCHEDULED U.S. PORT CALLS BY SALVADORAN SHIPS. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL, U.S. CUSTOMS MAY BE ABLE SUSPEND COLLECTION OF TONNAGE TAXES IF WARNED IN ADVANCE OF CALLS BY EL SALVADORAN VESSELS.

5. IF EMBASSY RECEIVES ASSURANCES PARA 3 ABOVE, AIR POUCH NOTE AND CABLE THOSE ASSURANCES TO DEPARTMENT. SUCH INFORMATION WILL FACILITATE U.S. CUSTOMS ACTIONS BOTH IN SHORT TERM AND IN RE-INSTATING EL SALVADOR TO EXEMPTED LIST. KISSINGER

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